

Use at your own risk

The City of Carlsbad does not expand its liability, if any, for accidents or injuries sustained while using the Agua Hedionda Lagoon. All persons using the lagoon do so at their own risk.

Leashed dogs welcome

Dogs may enjoy the Agua Hedionda Lagoon along with their owners. However, to ensure the safety of others, all dogs must be leashed and controlled at all times.

Owners also must pick up after their pets. Please bring your own disposal bags, or use the ones provided at the lagoon.


Protected habitat

A restricted wildlife habitat is located on the north end of the lagoon in a marshy beach area. People and dogs should stay out of this area, which is a sensitive and vital ecosystem home to hundreds of species of marine life and water fowl.

Unlicensed fireworks

Any fireworks purchased for personal use – are illegal throughout all of San Diego County, including Carlsbad. Fireworks are a special concern in and around lagoons, beaches and other areas home to sensitive environmental resources. Please help keep our community safe from fire and injury – and protect our fragile plants and animals.

Water ski slalom course



When daylight saving time is in effect (April-October), the course may be used in two directions between the hours of sunrise and 10 a.m. daily. After 10 a.m., the course will be closed and unlawful to use. When Pacific Standard Time is in effect, the time restriction no longer applies.

Lagoon use permit

To operate any vessel on the lagoon, you must meet certain requirements and purchase a permit. Annual permits and daily passive and power vessel permits are issued by the City of Carlsbad at the Monroe Street Pool (3401 Monroe St.), where applications, requirement checklist and permits may be obtained by mail or in person.

Daily permits are also available at California Water Sports, which is privately owned and operated, and located at the northwest end of the inner lagoon.

Licenses for vendors

As a popular recreation area, the Agua Hedionda Lagoon is also an in-demand business location for numerous vendors.

Vendors need to have all water vessels permitted. If teaching, vendors also need to obtain a business license through the City of Carlsbad.

Rules and regulations

City of Carlsbad Police Department community service officers (lagoon patrol) enforce current California boating laws, and state and city codes at the inner lagoon.

If you witness violations or see problems, please contact the non-emergency number for the City of Carlsbad Police Department at 760-931-2197.

For more information, contact the Monroe Street Pool, 3401 Monroe St., at 760-602-4685, or visit the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation at www.aguahedionda.org.



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ENJOYING THE Agua Hedionda *Lagoon*



Important rules and regulations





For approximately 60 years, the Agua Hedionda Lagoon has been a popular recreation area for City of Carlsbad residents and visitors. Located between Tamarack Avenue and Cannon Road, the lagoon allows active use, such as boating, water skiing and wake boarding, personal watercraft use, sailing, windsurfing and fishing.

By following simple rules and regulations, you can help to ensure using the lagoon is a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Owned by the NRG power plant, the 295-acre inner lagoon is regulated and maintained by the City of Carlsbad.

The City of Carlsbad wants you to enjoy using the unique open space of the lagoon. By following simple rules and regulations, you can help to ensure it is a safe and enjoyable experience for its numerous visitors each year.

Lagoon access

The lagoon has one access point for power vessel launching, which is the privately owned and operated California Water Sports, located at the northwest end of the inner lagoon. It features a dock and launch ramp. Fees for daily lagoon use permits, boat launching and parking can be paid here.

In addition, public access for launching non-motorized vessels is located at the south end of Bayshore Drive, where the public may access the beach and fish from the shoreline. Access is open from sunrise to sunset daily. Please do not trespass, and be respectful of the private property on either side of the access.

